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IN CONNECTION WITH THE TWO CABINET CHANGES ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (REFTEL) A GOVERNMENT SOURCE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 5: QTE THE PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT ADOPT THE POLICY FOLLOWED EARLIER IN GREECE OF FREQUENT (GOVERNMENT) REORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT GOOD REASON. AS IT IS KNOWN, THIS PRACTICE IS NOT OBSERVED IN ANY ADVANCED DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY AND THIS IS BECAUSE FREQUENT REORGANIZATIONS ARE AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY BESIDES INTERRUPTING THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT. SINCE, MOREOVER, THERE ARE NO MORE GENERAL REASONS TODAY FOR AGOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION, ANY DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT IS UNTIMELY. ONLY FOLLOWING THE INTENDED REORGANIZATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS IT POSSIBLE TO THINK ABOUT (A CABINET RESHUFFLE) AND IN ANY CASE NOT BEFORE THE SUMMER. UNQTE. KUBISCH

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